personnel holding sensitive posts; extending the facility of telephone no. 23213355 and post Box No. 171 to the general public for making complaint against harassment by Police personnel; maintanance of a register to complaints by the Deputy Commissioner of Police of Districts; and providing facility to the general public to make complaint against corrupt police personnel through e-mail.

Worsening traffic situation in Delhi

804. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up a task work force to suggest ways and means to improve the worsening traffic situation of Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the terms of reference of this Task Force and the time frame within which it would submit its report;

(c) whether the Standing Committee on Home Affairs in its 73rd report had made some recommendations in this respect; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and what is the action plan of Government to implement such recommendations to decongest the traffic?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (d) The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs in its 73rd Report had, *inter-alia*, recommended for creation of a Unified Traffic Management Authority for the overall planning and management of traffic scenario of Delhi. In pursuance of this recommendation, the Government has set up a Task Force to identify the specific functions to be entrusted to the proposed Authority. The terms of reference of the Task Force are as under:

(i) To suggest institutional mechanism(s) such as Unified Metropolitan Transport Authority (UMTA), Independent Regulator (s) Traffic Management Body, etc. for better coordination in policy formulation, planning and regulation of traffic and transportation in the National Capital Territory of Delhi.

(ii) To define the powers and responsibilities of these institutional bodies.

(iii) To suggest suitable legislative framework for setting up of these bodies.

(iv) To draft appropriate legislation/order.

(v) To suggest immediate measures, if any, in the interim period.

(vi) To recommend any other measures that has a bearing on the subject.

The Task Force is in the process of finalising its report.

Encounters with militants in J&K

805. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of armed encounters between the militants and the security forces that took place in Jammu & Kashmir so far since August this year;

(b) the number of militants, security personnel and civilians who were killed as a result thereof in each case; and

(c) the extent of financial or other assistance given by the Central/State Governments to the next of kin of the civilians who were killed as a result of these encounters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) As per the report of the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir, 191 armed encounters between the militants and the security forces took place in the State from August to November 15, 2005. In these encounters, 237 militants, 18 civilians and 27 security forces were killed.

(c) Government of Jammu and Kashmir has been providing *ex-gratia* to the next-of-kins (NoKs) of victims of militancy for death, injury, etc. as per the existing rules. As per State Govenment's ordes, Rs. 1.00 Lakh is paid to the NoK in case of death.

Killing of tribals in Assam

806. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a militant group murdered 35 Karbi tribals in Assam;

(b) if so, the details of action taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) what Government are doing to tackle such incidents in North East?